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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, was it merely a sight-seeing tour or was the tour undertaken with the object of promoting friendliness among Commonwealth countries? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is really to promote proper understanding among the various countries that Prime Ministers, Ambassadors and others visited Madras."

Construction of a bridge at Alevoor and Naniltar in South Kanara.

* 619 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Board, South Kanara, has recommended the construction of a bridge at (1) Alevoor and (2) Naniltar in South Kanara; and

(b) the decisions arrived at by the Government on the above recommendations?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The question of including the bridge works in the Central Road Fund Programme is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that both these bridges are important ones, may I request the Government whether as soon as orders are received from the Government of India, they will be taken up for construction? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" Certainly, we will consider that, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, when will the question be taken up for consideration and when is it expected to close? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" As soon as orders are received from the Government of India, Sir."

Village co-operative credit societies.

* 620 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of village co-operative credit societies in the State and the number in Malabar;

(b) whether the Government have reduced the maximum period allowed to the member-debtors of the societies to repay their loans, and if so, why;

(c) whether it is a fact that village co-operative credit societies will be recognized only after collecting an initial capital of Rs. 1,000 and whether the District Co-operative Bank, Malabar, has represented to the Government not to enforce this; and

(d) what action the Government have taken in the matter?